

*Natick Public Schools  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 27, 2021*

The School Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00pm via a Virtual Meeting. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 7:08pm. All members stated they were attending virtually.

Members Present: Cathi Collins, Shai Fuxman, Catherine Brunell, Henry Haugland, Hayley Sonneborn, Donna McKenzie, Julie McDonough

Others Present:	Dr. Anna Nolin	Superintendent
	Mr. Tim Luff	Assistant Superintendent
	Dr. Peter Gray	Assistant Superintendent
	Rose McDermott	Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
	Susan Balboni	Interim Director of Teaching, Learning & Innovation
	Jefferson Wood	Teacher Representative

**Public Speak**

Chair McDonough did not receive any virtual requests for Public Speak.

**Discussion of Johnson and Memorial School - Space and Capital Planning**

This meeting was more specifically a community forum for Johnson School families. The format of tonight's meeting was reviewed. Chair McDonough thanked everyone who submitted questions and comments as well as providing feedback. Dr. Nolin gave a presentation that reviewed history of the building and space planning in the district from as far back as 1980. Dr. Nolin reviewed the vision of Natick Public Schools, the current problems before them, important calendar considerations, and school building conversions/consolidations. She went on to review the school building renovations and replacements. Dr. Nolin discussed the Dore & Whittier Master Study from May 2012 which studied the space at Kennedy, Johnson and Memorial, the TBA Architects study from December 2020 which studied space at all schools, the minutes and notes from the Space Advisory Committee from May 2021 which through School Council representatives, feedback was solicited from middle and elementary school communities in Natick, the Interim Town Administrator Working Group Report from August 2021 which the Committee had studied possible infrastructure and operational efficiencies that could be realized to maximize town resources. Dr. Nolin reviewed the financial pressures for the schools and Town. She continued by reviewed enrollment data from past to present. Dr. Nolin reviewed what the closing of the Johnson School would look like to staff, students and families. The remaining time of the meeting was spent listening to comments and concerns from the Johnson School parent community as well as a few other community members.

At approximately 9:38pm, Ms. Collins motioned to adjourn. Dr. McKenzie seconded. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote:

Ms. Brunnell – No  
Dr. McKenzie – Yes  
Mr. Haugland – Yes  
Ms. Collins – Yes



Dr. Fuxman – Yes  
Chair McDonough - Yes

Anna Nolin  
Superintendent  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose McDermott  
Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

**Documents Provided in Novus Agenda** and materials used at this meeting:  
Community Forum Presentation